

## Grace Episcopal Church

Read the Bible in a Year - Bible in Time - Chronological Bible

Reflection Class: Sunday, January 11, 2015; 9:10 am - 9:40 am, Grace Parish Hall

Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings to date: Days 4-10

**Prayer:** Bless us, Lord, as we journey with you as we read your word. Be our guide, our hope, our source of being, and our inspiration in all we do in your name. Amen

**Purpose of the Session:** The purpose of this venture is to give disciples the basic knowledge of Scripture, create a discipline of daily prayer and reading, and with the leading of the Holy Spirit move out into the congregation, parish, and world in Worship, Welcome, Study, and Service as God's own disciple in Christ.

**Overview:** Read the Chronological Bible daily and pray the BCP Daily Office

### This Week's Readings:

1/4/15 | Day 4 | Genesis 11:1-26, 1 Chronicles 1:24-27, Genesis 11:27- 14:24 | Tower of Babel answers the question of why there are so many languages and people scattered around the planet - the writer points to the arrogance of humanity to make a name for themselves; lineage from Shem to Abram (long lived people); Abram married Sarai and Sarai was barren (at this time); God calls Abram to go to a new land; Abram and Sarai escape a famine and got to Egypt and a bizarre story of Abram protecting himself and retribution for sin; Abram and Lot separate; Abram the Hebrew get a report of an upcoming attack on Lot and he saves Lot; Abram tithes and is blessed by the priest/king Melchizedek.

1/5/15 | Day 5 | Genesis 15:1 - 17:27 | God makes a deal with Abram and tells him to look at the stars for the numbers of descendants; name change to Abraham; circumcision; Sarai to Sarah; son at 100?; all males circumcised that day.

1/6/15 | Day 6 | Genesis 18:1 - 21:7 | God shows up to tent of Abraham & Sarah, announces birth of son, Sarah laughs then lied to God; Abraham negotiates for saving of Sodom - for 10 righteous - God agrees; but Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed; Lot and daughters escape, wife does not; Lot settles in mountains; Sarah as sister again; birth of Isaac

1/7/15 | Day 7 | Genesis 21:8 - 23:20, Genesis 11:32, Genesis 24:1-67 | Hagar and Ishmael sent away; God will build a nation around Ishmael; Abraham's treaty with Philistine king; Abraham is tested and obeys God; Sarah dies at 172 in Hebron, was mourned, and buried in the land of the Hittites in an honored place; Isaac marries Rebekah in either 2026 BC or 1860 BC

1/8/15 | Day 8 | Genesis 25:1-4, 1 Chronicles 1:32 -33, Genesis 25:5 -6, 12 -18, 1 Chronicles 1:28 -31, 34, Genesis 25:19 -26, 7-11 | Abraham's descendants, Ishmael's legacy, Rebekah has twin boys - Esau and Jacob, Abraham dies either 1991 BC or 1825 BC at 175 years old.

1/9/15 | Day 9 | Genesis 25:27- 28:5 | Esau gives away his legacy to Jacob, Isaac deceives Abimelek (Philistines) wife who is sister who is wife incident (again), water dispute, treaty, Jacob steals Esau's birthright from Isaac, Jacob runs away

1/10/15 | Day 10 | Genesis 28:6 - 30:24 | Marriages - Esau/Mahalath, Jacob/Leah, Rachel, Jacob dreams, see Rachel, has many children, many babies.

### Prayer

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### Thoughts from others:

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